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I wish to voice my opinion that the restrictions placed on Microsoft are not restrictive enough. Microsoft has for the past 20 years has been lying, stealing and steamrolling every good computer innovation that has been in direct or indirect competition with them.

I have watched great products be pushed out of the market, companies put into bankruptcy, and others threatened with legal action even though Microsoft had no legal right to do so, other than to have them stop competing against them.

Microsoft has made many fortunes off the work and sweat of others and is proving to many people that "CRIME DOES PAY". For a company that lied and falsified evidence in the previous trial, it is hard to believe that they have not been severely punished for their crimes. Had this been a small "Mom and Pop" shop they would have been held accountable and have been punished, but since it is one of the world's largest companies, they are getting away with their actions. The laws of the country are in place to protect ALL people/companies regardless of color, race, creed or religion/size or wealth.

Please do what is right and punish Microsoft for the pain and suffering it has caused to the computer and high tech industry. I have been working in this sector for over 14 years and have never seen a more negative impact on this industry than I have with Microsoft.

Microsoft needs to open its system (APIs and code) so that other companies can write code that works properly with windows. Microsoft has places all types of hidden functions and methods that allow Microsoft developed products to work better and faster than their competitors due to these hidden calls.

Microsoft also needs to be fined in a way that it and all other companies, that may try and monopolize a sector of industry, that crime does NOT pay. This will be largest company fine in history, but for a company that has \$30 - \$70 billion dollars in cash in the bank it needs to be. Anything else would be like fining a millionaire \$100 for using the carpool lane when he is by himself. Do you really think he cares? Has he learned his lesson? NO! He spends more than that on a drink at the yacht club.

I also personally believe that breaking Microsoft into 3 different groups; one that handles the operating system, one that handles the internet development and another that handles all the desktop publishing and related software is the best way to achieve a truly competitive market within the computer industry. I realize that this option, no longer seems to be on

the table, but it is honestly the best way.

Thank You

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